



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2837**
Masahiro GOTO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005_1690A
Serial No. 10/554,204 : Group Art Unit 1794
Filed December 13, 2005 : Examiner Timothy M. Speer

COPPER OXIDE THIN FILM
LOW-FRICTION MATERIAL AND
FILM-FORMING METHOD THEREFOR : **Mail Stop: Amendment**

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of August 21, 2008, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith.

The Examiner has rejected claims 9-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Goto (JP 2003-119578). The coauthors named in this reference are also named as co-inventors in the present application. In addition to these co-inventors, the present application also names Tetsuo Oishi as a co-inventor. However, Mr. Oishi is in fact not a co-inventor of the subject matter claimed in the present application. In support of this, Applicants are submitting herewith the following papers:

1. A Request to Correct Inventorship;
2. A statement from Tetsuo OISHI that the error in inventorship occurred without any deceptive intention on his part;